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SUBJECT: RETURN OF KHALID HASSAN ABBAS AND MAMOUN ABU ZEID

1. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI JULY 24 APPOINTED KHALID HASSAN ABBAS AND MAMOUN AWAR ABU ZEID TO SSU POLITICAL PUREAU AND TO POSITIONS OF "COUNSELLOR TO PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC" FOR AFRICAN AND ARAB AFFARIS, RESPECTIVELY. HE ALSO REMOVED JOSEPH ODUHO FROM POLITBUREAU, ONLY ONE DAY AFTER LATTER'S REMOVAL FROM SOUTHERN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT (RE-SHUFFLE OF WHICH BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY).

2. COMMENT: LONG EXPECTED RETURN OF ABBAS AND ABU ZEID TO LEADERSHIP CIRCLE LEAVES ONLY ONE ORIGINAL RCC MEMBER ABUL GASSIM HASHIM, OUT OF ACTIVE SUDANESE POLITICS. ABBAS AND ABU ZEID WERE IDENTIFIED IN PAST AS NON-IDEOLOGICAL, CLOSELY ALLIED NATIONALISTS WHO BELIEVE SUDAN'S INTERESTS BEST SERVED BY CLOSE COOPERATION WITH ARAB WORLD AND EGYPT IN PARTICULAR. APPOINTMENTS THUS CONTINUE TREND TOWARD PLACING SUDAN SQUARELY IN ARAB RATHER THAN AFRICAN CAMP. DESIGNATION OF ABBAS AS ADVISOR ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS MUST BE ESPECIALLY GALLING TO SOUTHERN SUDANESE, WHO WILL ALSO NOTE THAT REMOVAL OF ODUHO LEAVES SOUTH WITH ONE LESS

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MEMBER IN SSU POLITBUREAU THAN BEFORE. ON REGIONAL LEVEL,

ODUHO'S DEMISE LEAVES ALIER IN STRONGER POSITION THAN EVER
AS FAR AS CONTROL OF SOUTHERN POLITICS CONCERNED.
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